

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, May 17, 2016)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Tom Jarboe
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

1. WELCOME

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of May 3rd and 10th, 2016 as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WEEK** and **NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION WEEK**.

3. PRESENTATIONS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Historic Preservation Commission Award - Rob Gibbs

Lifetime of Achievement Award - Scott Lawrence

Historic Preservation Commission Service Award - Keith and Dauphine McGuire

Historic Preservation Service Award - Carol Moody

Lifetime of Achievement - Historic St. Mary's City

4. MAIN AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

A. DEPT OF FINANCE - Final Approval of the FY2017 Budget and set tax rates

Presenters: Jeannette Cudmore, CFO

Patty Stiegman, Deputy Director

Ms. Cudmore summarized the FY2017 budget. The general fund budget of \$222,167,023 is 2.3% less than the approved 2016 budget. The property tax rate for FY 2017 remains the same at \$.8252 per one hundred dollars of assessed value for real property and the local income tax rate remains at 3% of net taxable income. There is an Environmental Service Fee increase from \$60 to \$72 and an Emergency Services Support tax increase from \$0.016 to \$0.024. The budget for County Departments is \$52,743,875; Elected Officials, \$42,423,483; Boards and State Agencies \$114,139,294; Other Budget Costs \$14,763,262 and Transfers and Reserves (\$1,902,891). County employees will receive a one-step merit increase and see a 12% increase in health insurance. There will be no cost of living allowance. The Sheriff's Office is funded at the FY2016 approved non-grant level of \$36,761,616. This includes funding for the increase pay scales for sworn employees as a result of a compensation study. The County's recurring appropriation funding for the Board of Education is \$99,717,401 which includes the full cost of the merits provided in 2016 and a required increase for health insurance along with an additional \$2,972,992 for a one-time purchase of Technology and Science Book replacements. The Board of Education's funding from the County totals \$102,690,393, an increase of \$4 million over last year.

#1 I move that we approve and execute the Revenue Ordinance for FY2017, which sets the tax rates.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

#2 I move that we approve and execute the Appropriation Ordinance for FY2017, which identifies appropriations.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

#3 I move that we approve and execute the Ordinance to Amend Chapter 223 of the Code of St. Mary's County, Maryland, to provide for and set the Environmental and Solid Waste Service Fee.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

Nay: Commissioner Hewitt

#4 I move that we approve the FY2017 budget, as set forth in the schedules and documents included in the submission, which includes the Schedule of Pay Differentials, Premium Pay, and Insurance Premiums and confirmation of the Fund Balance Plan, and execute the "budget estimate" page evidencing our approval of the itemized budget.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR MAY 24 & JUNE 7, 2016 - THERE IS NO MEETING OF THE CSMC ON MAY 31, 2016

B. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - Behavioral Health Services Administration

I move to transition the St. Mary's County Behavioral Health Services Administration to the Health Department effective FY 2018.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION - St. Mary's County Regional Airport: AirTec, Inc. Operating Agreement

I move to approve the Operating Agreement between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and AirTec, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION – St. Mary's County Regional

Airport: Piedmont Flight Center Inc. Lease

I move to approve the Lease between the Commissioners of St. Mary's County and the Piedmont Flight Center, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

E. DEPT. OF AGING AND HUMAN SERVICES - Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) FY2016 Revised Notification of Grant Award

I move to approve, on behalf of the Department of Aging and Human Services, the Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP) FY2016 Revised Notification of Grant Award project #US1606, from the Maryland Department of Aging to provide meals to seniors age 60 years of age and older in the amount of \$48,820 and the related budget amendment to increase the project budget by \$11,833, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related document.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Tom Jarboe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Morgan

F. DEPT. OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2017 Homeless Services Consolidated Grant Application

I move to approve the Homeless Services Consolidated Grant Application for projects MD1755, and MD1758, from Maryland Department of Human Resources on behalf of the Department of Aging & Human Services to support homeless shelters and services for St. Mary's County residents in the amount of \$15,282, and \$81,506 respectively for FY2017, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

G. DEPT. OF AGING & HUMAN SERVICES - FY2017 Governor's Office for Children - Notice of Funding Availability-Local Management Board (LMB) Application

I move to approve the FY2017 Governor's Office for Children - Notice of Funding Availability-Local Management Board (LMB) Application, project numbers MD1760, MD1761,1765,1766,1767 and 1788 on behalf of the St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services in the amount of \$401,718 base funding plus \$180,000 competitive funding, for a Tri County initiative that would address families affected by incarceration and disconnected youth and authorize the Commissioner President, LMB Board Chair Person and the LMB Point of Contact to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

H. COUNTY ATTORNEY - Easement for Charlotte Hall Water Tower

I move to table this item until we receive clarification from MetCom.

Motion by Commissioner Tom Jarboe, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Jarboe, Morgan, O'Connor

I. DEPT. OF LAND USE & GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Introduction to the Northern County Parallel Road and Town Center Plan

Presenter: Phil Shire, Director

Grace Mary Brady, Historical Planner

The Department of Land Use and Growth Management, is in the process of establishing a North County Town Center Plan. A series of planning sessions will be held to receive citizen's input on traffic issues and future growth of the area. The first meeting will focus on planning for a new parallel road running north/south through Charlotte Hall.

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Minutes Approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on 5/24/16

SLF

Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator

8. OUTSIDE EVENT

Small Business Month Tours

The Commissioners toured Coherent Technical Services, Inc. in Lexington Park; BCF Solutions in Hollywood; and, AIRTEC in California.

9. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

Members Present

Commissioner President James R. Guy

Commissioner Tom Jarboe

Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt

Commissioner Todd B. Morgan

Dr. Rebecca Bridgett, County Administrator

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 6:35 pm.

Presenter: George Sparling, County Attorney

Robert Kelly, Director, Dept. of Emergency Services and Technology

Notice of Public Hearing was posted in the Enterprise Newspaper on April 27 and May 4, 2016. The proposed ordinance prefaces on three things: (1) it is basic, (2) it attempts to change the balance between animal rights and rights of property owners and (3) it is not a final product. The proposed ordinance incorporates many state laws. The Commissioners have the option to make changes based on input from citizens.

Commissioner Guy opened the public hearing for public comments.

Public comments given by:

Melinda Brown, 39808 Claires Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Representing St. Mary's Animal Welfare League

Drema Balendee-Grunst, 40250 Breton Beach Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Representing Give Me Shelter St. Mary's

Alice Burton, 5576 1st Statesman Lane, Alexandria, VA 22312

Representing Alley Cats Allies Organization

Emily Hovermale, 700 Professional Dr., Gaithersburg, MD 20879

MD. State Director, The Humane Society of the United States

James Raley, 26737 Radio Station Way, Leonardtown, MD 20650

Representing St. Mary's County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Diane Harris, 27710 Persimmon Lane, Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Representing Feral Cat Rescue

Danny Morris, 41975 Gibson Dr., Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Timothy Frink, 44575 Joy Chapel Rd., Hollywood, MD 20636

There were no others wishing to speak so Commissioner Guy closed the public hearing for public comment and closed the public hearing at 7:25 pm.